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DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO 121 MONTHS IN PRISON IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASES

RE: UNITED STATES v. WILLIAM CIAMPRONE

Michael A. Battle, the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced today that William Ciamprone, age 48, formerly of 523 Old Mill Lane, Webster, New York, was sentenced by the Honorable Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Court Judge, to 121 months in prison and placed on supervised release for life in connection with his guilty plea on September 23, 2004 to distributing and receiving child pornography, which carried a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum of 20 years imprisonment, and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that Ciamprone was initially targeted based on a nationwide investigation involving Regpay Company, Ltd., a company which provided internet access to child pornography

websites all over the world . A search of Ciamprone's residence uncovered four computers and 140 CD ROMS containing thousands of child pornography images. Only three of the 140 CD ROMs were analyzed and approximately 5,000 images were found on these three CD ROMS. In addition, the defendant had more than 1000 videos depicting child pornography, some of which depicted females between the ages of six and nine being raped by adult males.

The conviction in this case was the culmination of an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement under the direction of Peter Smith, Special Agent in Charge.

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